



Smithsonian  
*National Museum of Natural History*

Edgar L. Hewett photograph  
collection relating to Mitla, circa 1910

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Edgar L. Hewett photograph collection relating to Mitla
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.172
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1910
<b>Extent:</b>	16 Prints (silver gelatin)
<b>Creator:</b>	Hewett, Edgar L. (Edgar Lee), 1865-1946
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The original negatives may have been loaned for printing by Edgar L. Hewett from the Bureau of American Ethnology.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

This collection has been relocated from Photo Lot 123.

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Additional Hewett photographs are held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 78 and Photo Lot 14.

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Correspondence from Hewett is held in the National Anthropological Archives in the Ales Hrdlicka papers, John Peabody Harrington papers, Neil Merton Judd papers, records of the Bureau of American Ethnology, MS 4558, and MS 4372(8).

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 172, Edgar L. Hewett photograph collection relating to Mitla, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical Note

Edgar Lee Hewett (1865-1946) was an archeologist and anthropologist known for his work in the American Southwest and his role in the passage of the Antiquities Act. Born in Illinois, Hewett taught at several country schools before becoming Superintendent of Schools in Missouri and Colorado (1889-1898). It was during his superintendency in Colorado that he conducted his first archeological field work on the Pajarito Plateau and at Pecos. He continued in education administration and served as president (1898-1903) of the Normal University at Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he organized archeology courses and led field expeditions. In 1906, Hewett left education to work as Director of American Research for the Archaeological Institute of America, a position he held until his death. Over three seasons (1910-1912), Hewett excavated the Maya site of Quiringua and explored Maya sites in Guatemala. His Maya studies were exhibited at the San Diego Museum, which he founded and directed (1917-1929), and published in his second major book, *Ancient Life in Mexico and Central America* (1935).

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs and copies of drawings documenting the structures at Mitla archeological site, including the Columns Group and palace building and associated sculptures. There is also a photograph of the Beau Relief at Palenque, published in the Field Columbian Museum's journal "Anthropology." Some of the copy photographs were probably made by De Lancey Gill.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 172

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Zapotec

Cultures:

Zapotec

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Gill, De Lancey, 1859-1940

Geographic Names:

Mexico -- Antiquities

Mitla Site (Mexico)